

CURRENT STATUS OF THE CLAIMS SECTION:

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): A capacitance sensor having specified directionality, said capacitance sensor comprising:
detection electrodes;
an insulating material insulating said detection electrodes from each other;
a main body containing said detection electrodes and said insulating material and having a detection surface defined by said directionality, said detection surface having unevenness;
a shield electrode inside said main body, said shield electrode being open toward said detection surface, said detection electrodes being disposed inside said shield electrode; and
a protective cover covering said shield electrode and said detection electrodes, said protective cover having a plurality of mutually adjacent protrusions with thickness decreasing in the direction of protrusion.

Claims 4 -12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): The capacitance sensor of claim 3 wherein said mutually adjacent protrusions are directed externally.

Claims 14 (previously presented): The capacitance sensor of claim 13 wherein said mutually adjacent protrusions serve to prevent water drops from becoming connected continuously.

Claim 15 (new): The capacitance sensor of claim 3 wherein said protrusions protrude horizontally.

Claim 16 (new): The capacitance sensor of claim 13 wherein said protrusions protrude horizontally.

Claim 17 (new): The capacitance sensor of claim 14 wherein said protrusions protrude horizontally.